

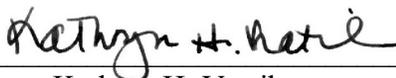


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Thus, after considering all argument of counsel, we find that this action involves common questions of fact with actions previously centralized in the MDL, and that transfer of this action to the Northern District of Alabama for inclusion in the centralized proceedings will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. Like the already-centralized actions, this action involves substantial common questions of fact relating to the state BCBS entities' relationship with the national association, BCBSA, and the licensing agreements that limit the Blue Plans' activity to exclusive service areas, among other restrictions. *See In re Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litig.*, \_\_ F. Supp. 2d \_\_, 2012 WL 6554004 (J.P.M.L. Dec. 12, 2012).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, this action is transferred to the Northern District of Alabama and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable R. David Proctor for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings.

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